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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SULZBERGER VISIT

1. CY SULZBERGER CALLED ME TODAY FROM PARIS SAYING HE HOPES TO COME TO SWITZERLAND FROM ROUGHLY MARCH 4 TO 8. HE HOPES TO INTERVIEW SOLZHENITSYN, DO ONE OR TWO OTHER THINGS, AND TALK WITH ME "ABOUT CHILE AND AFRICA." I TOLD HIM I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TELL HIM ANYTHING I REASONABLY COULD ON THE CHILEAN HISTORY AS I KNEW IT. REGARDING ANGOLA, I SAID I HAVE TRIED TO BE ABSOLUTELY SCRUPULOUS WITH RESPECT TO MY OBLIGATIONS TO MY SUPERIORS AND IN FAIRNESS TO HIM IN MAKING THE TRIP I THOUGHT HE SHOULD KNOW THAT. MENTIONING OUR OLD FRIENDSHIP, CY SAID THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE LARGER PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES OF OUR RECENT AFRICAN EXPERIENCE AND NOT IN ANY BLOW-BY-BLOW ACCOUNT OF WHO DID WHAT TO WHOM. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE ANGOLA ISSUES WITH WHICH I WAS CONCERNED WERE SWIFTLY PASSING INTO HISTORY AND SHOULD NO LONGER HAVE THE SENSITIVITY THEY ONCE HAD - PARTICULARLY IF ADDRESSED IN THE WAY HE ENVISAGES. HE WENT ON TO SAY HE WOULD APPRECIATE MY TELLING HIM FRANKLY, HOWEVER, IF I WAS NOT PREPARED TO HAVE A PRIVATE, BACKGROUND DISCUSSION OF THE BREADTH AND GENERALITY HE ENVISAGED.

2. I ANSWERED THAT IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT

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SOLZHENITSYN WAS OUT OF SWITZERLAND AT THE MOMENT IN

ANY CASE, AND THE FIRST THING I SHOULD DO WAS CHECK WHEN
HE WOULD BE GETTING BACK - AND CALL SULZBERGER AS
SOON AS I HAD THAT INFORMATION. WE LEFT IT AT THAT FOR
THE MOMENT.

3. HAVE YOU ANY GUIDANCE YOU MIGHT WISH TO GIVE ME?
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